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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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DIGITAL DATA RECORDING/  
REPRODUCTION METHOD, AND  
DIGITAL DATA RECORDING/  
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 11, line 1, change "any of Claims" to --Claim-- and delete "to 10".

Add the following new claims:

-- 13. A digital data recording/reproduction apparatus as defined in Claim 8, further comprising:

a digital broadcast receiver for receiving a digital broadcast; and

a controller for controlling the file structure management unit, according to accounting information which indicates whether the received digital broadcast is a fee-charged one or not;